

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1259

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Jason Hodges for his service as a member of the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those fellow legislators who have performed their duties with integrity and whose efforts during their time in office have been dedicated to providing thoughtful service to their districts and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jason Hodges of Clarksville is one such distinguished public servant, who has served both his constituency and this legislative body with honor and ability; and

WHEREAS, first elected to the General Assembly in 2018, Representative Hodges is an influential figure in the political, social, and civic life of Clarksville, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities during his four-year tenure on Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, he has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen and an exceptional asset to the good people of the 67th House District, whom he has served as a member of the 111th and 112th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, a strong voice for Clarksville, Jason Hodges has established himself as a leader by serving as the Deputy Minority Whip in the House; in his legislative work, he has demonstrated a willingness to listen, learn, and take action on issues affecting his district and state; and

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, Representative Hodges has worked to protect the health and promote the prosperity of the good people of the 67th House District; his mission has

included helping constituents with unemployment benefits and finding resources for those in need; and

WHEREAS, a man of principle and integrity, he has supported full funding of public schools, investment in higher salaries for public school teachers, and funding for quality early education and opposed vouchers, which take money away from public schools; and

WHEREAS, Jason Hodges has also supported and promoted proper funding for Austin Peay State University and for higher education across the state; and

WHEREAS, in the area of healthcare, Representative Hodges has endorsed the expansion of Medicaid in Tennessee and sponsored legislation to allow the governor to expand Medicaid pursuant to the Affordable Care Act; he voted against the ineffective block grant proposal, fought to cap the costs of lifesaving drugs to the public, and supported medical marijuana; and

WHEREAS, believing strongly that infrastructure is critical to the growth of Clarksville, he has worked with the Department of Transportation on major road expansion projects for Clarksville and sponsored legislation to fund school expansions in growing areas such as Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hodges has rendered sterling service as a member of the House Commerce Committee, House Insurance Committee, House Local Government Committee, House Business and Utilities Subcommittee, and House Property and Planning Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, prior to his tenure on Capitol Hill, he ably represented District 17 as a member of the Montgomery County Commission from 2014 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, Jason Hodges has proven that citizens can make a difference by being involved in their community, which principle he has demonstrated through his service as a member of the Roxy Board, Montgomery Health Council, and Montgomery County NAACP; and

WHEREAS, formerly vice president of Two Rivers Company, Jason Hodges currently serves as an operations manager for the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Austin Peay State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a minor in International Relations, Representative Hodges proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, his many personal and professional accomplishments aside, Jason Hodges is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Diana, and their children, Saige and Lance; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hodges is committed to the precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be recognized upon his tenure in the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Representative Jason Hodges for his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the House of Representatives, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the constituents of the 67th House District and the citizens of Clarksville and Montgomery County, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.